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SC Rural Infrastructure Authority approves grant assistance for 23 projects

More than \$10 million in grant funding awarded

COLUMBIA, S.C. -- In an effort to ensure all South Carolina communities are positioned for success, the S.C. Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) has approved grant assistance for 23 projects, totaling more than \$10 million. These awards bring the number of projects awarded to 51 in fiscal year 2018, totaling \$22 million.

Recognizing there is a critical need to upgrade infrastructure across the state, the projects funded will result in increased water and sewer system capacity and stormwater drainage improvements. Recipients share in the cost of these projects by paying for non-construction activities and, in many cases, providing additional funds for construction.

Working with local officials, RIA supports community projects most in need and works to address infrastructure issues that have the potential to hinder economic development and growth.

"Often times, infrastructure investments go unnoticed once construction is complete, but the benefit does not. These types of projects lead to improved quality of life, protection of the environment and community sustainability," said Executive Director Bonnie Ammons.

The impact of such projects can have long-lasting effects on the 71,000 residential and business customers served by the infrastructure being improved -- whether it is providing additional capacity for new or expanding businesses that will generate jobs and private investment or ensuring safe drinking water and sanitary sewer treatment.

RIA grants are awarded twice a year through a competitive process that considers the need for improved public health, environmental protection, community sustainability and economic development. Applications are selected by the RIA board based on criteria, including: severity of the problem, expected impact and project feasibility.

A list of grant recipients for the second round of fiscal year 2018 is below. To learn more about RIA or how to apply for grant assistance, visit www.ria.sc.gov.

Aiken, City of	Sewer System Improvements	\$500,000
Anderson County	Economic Water Infrastructure	\$47,314
Belton-Honea Path Water Authority	Water System Improvements	\$270,000
Bennettsville, City of	Water Line Upgrades	\$487,900
Berkeley County	Economic Sewer Infrastructure	\$500,000
Calhoun County	Economic Water and Sewer Infrastructure	\$500,000
Clemson, City of	Water System Improvements	\$500,000
Dorchester County	Sewer System Improvements	\$457,312
Fairfax, Town of	Water Line Upgrades	\$145,310
Florence, City of	Water System Improvements	\$500,000
Holly Hill, Town of	Sewer System Improvements	\$319,000
Jackson, Town of	Water Line Upgrades	\$500,000
Kershaw, Town of	Sewer System Improvements	\$326,115
Latta, Town of	Water Line Upgrades	\$500,000
Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission	Water Line Upgrades	\$500,000
Lynchburg, Town of	Water Line Upgrades	\$500,000
Ninety Six Commission of Public Works	Pump Station Upgrade	\$500,000
Ridgeland, Town of	Sewer System Improvements	\$1,000,000
Six Mile Rural Community Water District	Water Line Upgrades	\$350,000
Sumter, City of	Interconnection of Sewer Systems	\$500,000
Union County	Water Tank Improvements	\$130,000
Williamston, Town of	Water Line Upgrades	\$500,000
York County	Water Tank Construction	\$500,000

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